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OTHER MATTERS

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Future work plan

The Commission on Science and Technology for Development,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the organization of ad hoc panels/workshops on specific issues of science and technology for development, 1/

Taking into account the need to focus the Commission's work,

1. Decides to organize up to four ad hoc panels of experts in the inter-sessional period of two years, in order to deepen analytical work on each of the substantive themes;

2. Also decides to review on an experimental basis the experiences in one region or group of countries with respect to science and technology developments and policy-making, with possible focus on one of the chosen themes;

3. Requests the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank and the regional development banks, in consultation with the countries concerned, to provide inputs into such a review encompassing the full spectrum of science and technology experiences according to the priorities set by the countries themselves;

4. Decides that teams of experts from the Commission should visit the regions to hold a hearing on the basis of the prepared documents, identifying

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problems and possible remedial policy options for international action, provided that funds are available for such a purpose;

5. Decides to select the following substantive themes for the second session of the Commission in the following order of priority:

(a) Role of science and technology in meeting the welfare and basic needs of the world's poverty groups. This should include an assessment of endogenous capacity implications;

(b) Improvement of the contribution of science and technology to industrialization in developing countries, taking into account the changes in the global science and technology system with respect to the necessary conversion of military technology and the desirability of the science and technology system's focusing on ecologically sound technologies and sustainable development;

(c) Gender-related aspects of the science and technology system, with respect both to participation of women in the system and to the system's impact on the situation of women and children, including the context of the informal sector and basic needs.